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Councillor Miss J. Orr.

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Councillor J.D. Scott-Curtis, F.C.I.I.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE - 1969-70

Councillor T.K. Monks (Chairman).
Councillor J.P. Lawford, M.C., M.A., (Vice-Chairman).
Councillor Miss J. Orr.
Councillor Mrs. E.A. ap Simon.
Councillor A.J. Macintosh.
Councillor D.H. Silvester
Councillor Mrs. K.M.C. Tilly, B.Sc.(Econ).
Councillor R.L. White.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:
N. McNeil, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.P.A. (until Oct. 1969).
I.H.C. Morton, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.Obst. (Acting-from Nov. 1969).

Chief Public Health Inspector:
F.E. Smale, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector:
J.F. Messer, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerical Assistant:
Mrs. W. Dickson.

Rodent Operator/General Assistant:
C.G. Chaney.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, 1969

Area: 3,694 acres.

Population: 21,900 (estimated mid-year, 1969)-(Census 1961 - 13,672)

Number of inhabited houses: 6,307.

Sum represented by penny rate: £3,450 (estimated 1.4.70).

Rateable Value: £815,243 (31.12.69).

General Rate 12/- in the £. (for dwelling houses).

Birth Rate: 17.3 (crude): 15.2 (standardised).

Death Rate: 8.2 (crude): 10.4 (standardised).

Comparability factors: Births - 0.88 Deaths - 1.27

Infant Death Rate per 1,000 births: 16.0

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1969

To the Chairman and Members of the Fleet Urban District Council.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1969, prepared as directed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Work has started on the new General Hospital at Frimley Park. The plans for improvements at Fleet Hospital have been somewhat reduced but it is hoped that they will come about in modified form in 1970.

The health of the District has been good, with no major illnesses. The first effects of vaccination against Measles, which started in May 1968, shows as a much reduced incidence during the winter of 1968-69. Unfortunately shortage of vaccine slowed the programme down in the latter half of the year.

The Registrar General's estimate of population is 21,900, an increase of 620, which is almost the same as in 1968. Excess of births over deaths is 200, so there is still a considerable inward movement of population.

Lung Cancer is still a notable cause of death and one cannot repeat too often that the connection with cigarette smoking is clearly established.

Only one case of Venereal Disease (Gonorrhoea) is known to have occurred. However, national figures show that it ranks second only to Measles as the commonest infectious disease, it could be wishful thinking to accept one as the year's total. The nation-wide increase can only be blamed on the looser way of life which arrives from "modern" ideas on morality and the only certain remedy is a voluntary raising of standards.

The number of children recorded as having had primary immunisation with Triple Antigen and Polio is much less than last year. Under the new schedule which was introduced in Autumn 1968, children do not finish the primary course until aged 14 months. So a number of children born from late 1968 onwards will not finish until 1970 and will be counted then. Some doctors still prefer the old schedule - which has its advantages - and so there are some 1969 children shown as completed.

Dr. N. McNeil resigned his appointment as Medical Officer of Health in October, 1969. I was appointed Acting Medical Officer of Health to the four Districts of N.E. Hampshire previously covered by him in addition to my other duties until a successor was appointed and I was still acting at the end of the year.

I must express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and to Mr. Robinson, the Clerk of the Council, for their encouragement and understanding during this difficult period; also to Mr. Smale, Chief Public Health Inspector, and the staff of the Public Health Department for so ably and devotedly keeping the Department running.

I.H.C. MORTON,

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births:

Total number (12 Illegitimate)	378
Rate per 1,000 population	17.3
Rate adjusted by comparability factor(0.88)	15.2
Rate England and Wales	16.3
Illegitimate and percentage of total (This compares well with 8% for the whole country)	3

Still Births:

Total number (all legitimate)	6
Rate per 1,000 all births	16

Total All Births 384

Deaths:

Total number	180
Rate per 1,000 population	8.2
Rate adjusted by comparability factor (1.27)	10.4
Rate England and Wales	11.9

Maternal Mortality:(including abortion) Nil

Infant Deaths: (under 1 year)

Number (1 illegitimate)	6
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Infant Mortality Rates

Total (under 1 year per 1,000 live births)	16
Neo-natal(under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births)	13
Early neo-natal (under 1 week per 1,000 live births)	11
Perinatal (stillbirths plus deaths under 1 week per 1,000 all births)	26

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1969

						M	F	Total
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	9	2	11
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...	...	...	...	-	5	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	...	...	...	...	...	2	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	7	6	13
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Anaemias	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	4
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	24	10	34
Other Forms of Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	2	11	13
Cerebrovascular Disease	...	...	...	...	...	5	16	21
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	8
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	4
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	6	4	10
Bronchitis and Emphysema	...	...	...	...	...	8	-	8
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	-	2	2
Peptic Ulcer	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...	...	2	-	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary system	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-skeletal system	...	...	...	...	...	-	2	2
Congenital anomalies	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	...	...	...	...	...	-	3	3
All other Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	4	6	10
<u>Total all causes</u>						91	89	180

Infectious Diseases

The following table shows the infectious diseases notified during the past five years.

Infectious Disease	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Scarlet Fever	3	3	15	17	17
Measles	371	33	842	34	18
Whooping Cough	2	53	46	8	-
Tuberculosis	2	2	8	3	2
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	1
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	4

Measles

The number of measles cases notified during the five years prior to the table is as follows:-

1960 - 1, 1961 - 317, 1962 - 33, 1963 - 562, 1964 - 95.

The winter of 1968-69 should have been an epidemic season, with numerous cases in early 1969. Vaccination against measles was started in May, 1968, 390 children, all under 8 years old were vaccinated during the year. The drop to 18 cases is the most dramatic in any of the neighbouring Districts. No doubt the enormous epidemic of 1967 left a high level of immunity among the population but vaccination must have a large share of the credit.

Scarlet Fever

The sudden rise in 1967 has been maintained. It does not seem that the disease has become more severe.

Infective Hepatitis

First made notifiable in 1968. Only four cases were reported. No significant relationship was found.

Food Poisoning

There was only one case, the organism being *Salmonella Thompson*.

Tuberculosis

There were two new cases - both pulmonary, affecting women aged 40-50.

Venereal Diseases

No cases of syphilis are known and only one of gonorrhoea plus trichomonas.

Vaccination and Immunisation

The Schedule prescribed by the Department of Health in 1968 remains in use.

The number of children recorded as immunised is shown in the following table:-

Year of Birth	Triple		Diph/Tet.		Polio		Measles	Smallpox	
	P.	B.	P,	B.	P.	B.		P.	Re-vacc.
1969	111	-	-	-	103	-	-	-	-
1968	137	36	-	-	151	18	9	105	-
1967	4	113	-	4	4	70	65	60	1
1966	1	7	-	-	5	5	45	8	3
1965/62	1	132	-	151	3	289	86	4	28
Others under 16	-	28	-	275	-	245	66	9	77
Totals	254	316	-	430	266	627	271	186	109

B.C.G.

No vaccinations were done during the year.

National Assistance Act 1948.

No action was required under this Act.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Staff:

Miss S.F.B. Hicks, 29 Kings Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 7178	District Midwife	Attached to the Group practice of Doctors Tilly, Winchurch and Harrison. Fleet and unattached midwifery.
Mrs. M.M. Spelman, 21 Wood Lane, Fleet.	District Nurse	Attached to the Group practice of Doctors Tilly, Winchurch and Harrison - Fleet.
Mrs. P.E. Fraser, 4 Oakley Drive, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 6802	District Nurse/Midwife	Attached to the Group practice of Doctors Dobbin, Mathewson, Crawshaw, Poyntz-Wright and Aubrey.
Mrs. U.M.E. Alexander, 26 Coxheath Road, Church Crookham. Tel. Fleet 4416	District Nurse	Attached to the Group practice of Doctors Dobbin, Mathewson, Crawshaw, Poyntz-Wright and Aubrey.
Miss B.M. Grubb, 14 Westbury Close, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 4500	District Nurse/Midwife	General work in Fleet Part-time attached to Doctors Newell-Price and Collings-Wells - Fleet.
Mrs. E.A. Hill, 79 Kings Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 6298	Health Visitor	Attached to the Group practice of Doctors Tilly, Winchurch and Harrison. - Fleet.
Miss D.L. Heath, 69 Weston Road, Woodbridge, Guildford.	Health Visitor	Attached to the Group practice of Doctors Dobbin, Mathewson, Crawshaw, Poyntz-Wright and Aubrey - Fleet.
Mrs. Z.E.M. Collyer, 61 Ferndale Road, Church Crookham. Tel. Fleet 5655	Health Visitor	Attached to the practice of Doctors Newell-Price and Collings-Wells - Fleet.

There is also a home-help service in operation and this is administered by the Home Help Organiser, Mrs. P.M. Roberts, 107 Fleet Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 6513.

This area for general hospital purposes, comes under the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

The Fleet Hospital contains 30 beds (⁶9 male, 14 female, 6 children's and 4 private wards) and provides general medical and surgical treatment. There is a separate children's ward. There is no resident Medical Officer. There is a consultant surgical and medical staff in addition to the Doctors in practice in the area, who attend the hospital.

Cases of infectious diseases are treated at Northfield Hospital, Aldershot. The ambulance service provides for removal of patients to hospital through the local depots at Aldershot and Farnborough.

The County Council is responsible for School Medical Services, Mental Health, Maternity and Child Welfare, the care of premature infants and illegitimate children and the Tuberculosis service (prevention, care and after care only).

The special clinic for Venereal Diseases is held at the General Hospital, Aldershot and is under the jurisdiction of the Regional Hospital Board, as is the treatment part of the Tuberculosis service.

Laboratory Facilities:

The Public Health Laboratory Service is at the Public Health Laboratory, St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford. Tel. No. Guildford 66091 and the Director is Dr. G.F. Cook. All types of bacteriological examinations are carried out there.

Chemical examinations of water are carried out by the City Analyst of Portsmouth by arrangement with Portsmouth City Council, whilst examinations and analyses of foods generally is carried out by the Council's Public Analysts, (Messrs. Bernard Dyer and Partners Ltd., London).

Clinic and Treatment Centres:

Vaccination and Immunisation : Clinics are held at the Schools as required.

Special Clinics:

Women Monday, 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
and Wednesday, 2.00 p.m. -
4.00 p.m. at Aldershot General
hospital, St. Georges Road,
Aldershot.

Men Monday, 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
and Wednesday, 4.00 p.m. -
6.00 p.m. at Aldershot General
Hospital, St. Georges Road,
Aldershot.

Chest Clinics:

At Northfield Hospital, Redan
Road, Aldershot, held every
Monday, 9.15 a.m.
Old Patients 11.00 a.m.
New Patients second Monday every
month - Special Bronchitic Clinic.

One Monday every month - B.C.G.
Session.
One Monday every month - Post
B.C.G. Session.

Tuesday, 9.15 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.
Old and new contacts. Old patients.
Urgent new patients.

Chest Clinics:

Held every Thursday, 9.15 a.m.
Old Patients and urgent new
Patients.

Held on first, third and fifth
Wednesday in the month at Fleet
Hospital, old and new Patients.

Child Welfare Clinics:

Fleet (Church Hall)

Every Friday afternoon at the
Church Hall, Albert Street, Fleet.

Fleet (Heatherlands)

Every second and fourth Thursday
afternoons in each month at
Heatherlands Evangelical Church,
77 Aldershot Road, Fleet.

Church Crookham
(War Memorial Hall)

Every Tuesday afternoon 2 - 4
p.m. and every Friday morning
9.30 - 11.30 a.m. at the War
Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane,
Church Crookham.

Dr. Newell-Price
The Surgery,
Basingbourne Road,
Fleet.

Every Monday

Dr. Aubrey,
Hillside Surgery,
Crookham Road,
Fleet.

Every Monday

Outside the district but serving the area, School Clinics are
held as follows:-

School Eye Clinic at
Aldershot General Hospital.

By appointment.

Audiology Clinic at
School Clinic,
St Georges Road East,
Aldershot.

By appointment.

Speech Clinic at
School Clinic
St. Georges Road East,
Aldershot.

By appointment.

Speech Clinic at
School Clinic,
The Grange Junior School,
Wren Way, off Mayfield Road,
Farnborough.

By appointment.

Child Guidance Clinic at
Manor Park House,
Health Clinic,
Aldershot.

By appointment.

Dental treatment is available under the County Dental Service
for children of school age, pre-school children and expectant and
nursing mothers. This is now provided in the new Dental Clinic at
Fleet Courtmoor School by appointment only.

Diphtheria/Tetanus and Whooping Cough Vaccinations:

Diphtheria/tetanus and Whooping Cough Vaccination prophylaxis for infants and school children is done by the Local Authority for the County Council and it is a free service. Parents may elect to have their children done privately by their own Doctor. Children under school age can still be immunised at the weekly child welfare clinics.

Prevention of Cancer of the Womb - The "Smear Test":

The County Council hold clinics at Manor Park House Health Clinic, Aldershot, for the early detection of cancer of the womb, for all women over the age of 35. Application for appointments are made to the County Medical Officer, The Castle, Winchester.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1969

To the Chairman and Members of the Fleet Urban District Council.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1969 and the twenty-third since my appointment in 1947.

I am pleased to report that the routine work of the Department has been kept up-to-date, both technically and administratively.

Action on the housing front which began last year, after a lapse of several years, was continued and the Council's policy to plan ahead so as to complete a steady flow of houses year by year is to be commended.

I must refer to the large number of food complaints dealt with in the year under review, 24 compared with four in 1968 but the comments made in my report for 1968 are still valid and the number received so far this year (1970) is much lower.

It is worthy of note that one-third of the complaints led to a prosecution of the retailer and/or, manufacturer concerned, whilst legal proceedings, with the variation in fines imposed, may not always seem to be the answer to the problem it does have the effect of letting the public see that the Local Authority are carrying out their statutory duty as well as spelling out a warning to other food retailers, particularly in unsound food cases under Section 8 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The whole of the water supply for the area is provided by the Mid-Southern Water Company, and I am indebted to the Chief Engineer of the Company for the following report:-

- (1)a)i) The sources supplying the Urban District are all underground in the Chalk formation. All are subject to treatment, which includes softening by the base-exchange process, in discharge of the Statutory Obligation regarding hardness. Regular and frequent examination has shown that the processes are continually effective in producing a water of suitable hardness, and fit for public supply purposes.
- ii) There have been no restrictions regarding quantity.
- b) Immediate remedial measures would be initiated if sampling revealed contamination of a treated water. Reservoirs and taps in distribution are examined regularly, and new mains as laid are chlorinated and sampled before being passed for supply purposes.
- c)i) The number of supplies at 31.12.69 was 6,473.
- ii) The figure for standpipes would be nil.
- d) The natural fluoride content is low, the range 0.1 - 0.2 ppm., and fluoridation is not undertaken.

Water Supply (Cont'd.)

- (2)a) Samples of raw and treated waters are examined weekly, and the results of the treated waters forwarded to you regularly. The figures for bacteriological examinations for 1969 are:-

	<u>Number Tested</u>	<u>% Highly Satisfactory</u>
Treated water at Head Works	102	100
Raw waters before treatment	102	
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The waters are virtually constant in chemical composition, but chemical analyses are undertaken regularly.

- b) The waters are not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

Water Sampling:

(a) Public Main Supply.

Three samples of Mid-Southern Water Company's main supply were taken from sources in different parts of the district and all were reported satisfactory, bacteriologically. The hardness figures were 12.3 degrees (Clark's scale), 13.7 and 11.7

(b) Public Swimming Pools.

There are two privately owned public swimming pools in the district. One is an open air pool, where the water (a main supply) is treated by aeration, filtration and chlorination and the other is a heated indoor one, where the water (a main supply) is treated by filtration and chlorination. Regular chemical testing for chlorine content, carried out as routine, provides a reasonable check on the bacterial quality of the water. Two bacteriological samples, (one from each pool), were found to be satisfactory.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

I am indebted to your Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. C.J. Eastman, C. Eng., M.I. Mun.E., M. Inst.H.E., for the following report:-

The disposal works has had a smooth running year generally, with minor variations in flow methods being tried to find the optimum conditions.

Sludge removal continues to be the major problem together with some access difficulties during the new Motorway site works.

Cesspool Emptying.

The Council approved an application from Hartley Wintney Rural District Council to discharge up to 10,000 gallons per day into Fleet Works and an agreement is to be drawn up and reviewed annually.

Sewerage Schemes - Soil Drainage

Tenders were received for Contract 12 the Western Area Drainage Scheme prepared by Messrs. John Taylor & Sons. Messrs. Streeter submitted the successful tender of £56,133. 9s. 2d. and loan sanction is expected shortly. This was the second tender for this work as the original contractor failed to produce sufficient sureties.

The M 3 pipe diversion Contract 13 was awarded to Messrs. W.& C. French Contractors Ltd., the motorway contractors, in the sum of £5,917. 8s. 0d., and will be carried out concurrently with the M.3. Pipework for this contract has already started to arrive and a resident Engineer for both these contracts appointed.

The Minley Road Pumping Station is about to go to tender and land aquisition for this scheme completed.

Population and area development statistics were kept throughout the year and the effect on sewer systems continually watched.

Surface Water Drainage

The scheme produced by Messrs. Balfour and Sons has not yet been given loan sanction though meetings with both the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, different design standards are being suggested by each Ministry and this point will have to be resolved by consultation.

Minor Surface Water Improvements

An agreement was made with the owners of the Grange Caravan Estate, to construct a relief sewer that would serve both the Grange Estate and Award Road. This scheme together with the replacement of the old Canal weir and the duplication of the culvert under the canal near Warren Close, constituted the bulk of the minor surface water improvements.

Trade Effluent

During the year the Council reviewed its charges and agreements for trade effluent and a charge of 1/6d per 1,000 gallons discharged, was fixed together with a fixed annual charge of £2.10.0 for car washes.

Public Cleansing

(a) Refuse Collection

The incentive bonus scheme produced by the London Boroughs Management Services Unit came into operation on the 9th June and has proved successful for three of the four crews. The fourth round has never accepted or worked the Scheme and this has caused tremendous difficulties which have not been solved by recruitment to date.

The bulky household collection continues to operate satisfactorily and the Army have offered to construct and maintain a refuse compound in the Pondtail Bridge area to minimise the problem of rubbish on Defence Department land. The new depot is well in hand and should open next spring.

Trade Refuse

The Council approved in principle the setting up of a charge scheme for trade refuse collection of between 6d and 1/- per bin over and above an allowance of one bin per unit of accommodation, and investigations are proceeding with this, to produce a report next year.

(b) Refuse Disposal

The joint tipping arrangements with the Hartley Wintney Rural District Council continue and the North East Hants and South West Surrey Consortium for refusedisposal issued its working party report which was accepted in principle by all the participating Councils.

Improvement Grants

The number of applicants for improvement grants was 15 (compared with 10 last year). This figure is still disappointingly and surprisingly low and it remains to be seen whether the increases for both types of grant, under the provisions in the new Housing Act 1969 will have the effect of inducing more owners to apply for grants. It will be the aim of the Public Health Department, in 1970, to try to interest owners in improvement grants by various means.

The following table summarises the applications received and the action taken thereon.

Type of Grant	Applications received	No. of Premises	No. approved (premises)	Owner Occupied	Tenanted
Discretionary	9	9	9	6	3
Standard	6	6	6	3	3
Totals	15	15	15	9	6

Housing.

Slum Clearance Programme.

As forecast in last year's report it was possible to start the procedure for dealing with the first phase of the 1969/70 programme. Of the individual unfit houses on the original list, it was possible to put closing or demolition orders on twelve premises and at the end of the year two tenants had been rehoused leaving the remainder in the first phase to be dealt with early in 1970.

It is hoped to receive a further allocation of council houses from the Housing Committee in 1970 and so complete the second phase of the 1969/70 programme.

House Building Progress.

Total number of post-war houses erected in the district is:-

Council houses - 433; Private enterprise - 3,147 making a total of 3,580.

I am indebted to your Housing Officer (Mr. M.G. Atkins) for the following report:-

The 32 houses referred to in my previous report were all completed and occupied during the year, as were a battery of 19 garages. This had the effect of housing the majority of the most urgent cases who had been on the Council's waiting list for a considerable time. The new warden-assisted scheme known as Albany Court was well on the way towards completion at the close of the year, as was the Thurlston House scheme which is a mixed development together with a battery of 22 garages. All tenants from the old council houses in Albany and Kings Road were re-housed, as were those in Elvetham Road with the exception of one who had elected to purchase.

With the completion of the houses referred to above, this enabled the Group plus Points Scheme to be put to its first practical test, and it is interesting to note that this was accomplished without comment. The Scheme was reviewed at the end of the first year and the only alteration was that all new applicants, with the exception of those for warden-assisted housing, should be placed on a Deferred list for one year.

The Council has maintained its policy of transferring tenants to accommodation more suitable to means, size of family etc., wherever possible.

An analysis of lettings for the year is shown below:-

General Housing -	
transfers to more suitable accommodation	10
General Housing - new tenancies	38
" " " " N.G.T.E.	8
Old People's Bungalows - new tenancies	1
Warden-assisted - new tenancies	2

All applicants on the waiting lists are invited to re-register annually, and this left the strength of the waiting lists as follows:-

		<u>Deferred</u>
General Housing	134	44
Old People's Housing	60	26
Warden-assisted Housing	12	-
Slum Clearance	14	-
Service Personnel	18	4
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	238	74
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Caravans

There is one privately owned and operated caravan site in the district, permanently licensed for 140 caravans. The site has been maintained as usual in a very satisfactory condition during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council is a constituent member, together with other local Authorities in the North East of the County, of the North Hants Pest Control Committee, which now meets three times a year to discuss problems, hear technical lectures and see films on rodent and other pest problems. Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Defence Department attend. Locally a free service continued to be given to both business and private premises.

Although all complaints of rodents were successfully dealt with, the knowledge that there are warfarin resistant rats in at least two large areas of the country, makes it imperative that a new poison be found as quickly as possible.

There is also some evidence of resistant mice. All this will make the eradication of rodents more difficult in the future.

A summary of the work carried out by the Rodent Operator is given below:-

	L.A	Dwelling-houses	Agricultural	Business Premises	Total
1. No. of premises inspected	18	867	53	767	1705
2. No. of premises found to be infested by rats	18	637	53	552	1260
3. No. of premises found to be infested by mice	-	126	3	183	312
4. No. of inspected premises treated by L.A.	18	763	56	735	1572
5. No. of block control schemes carried out	88				

Pest Destruction

The Fleet Pond was sprayed by the Military Authorities in the early part of the year and dwelling houses were treated for the following pests:-

Flies, ants, fleas, mosquitoes, beetles, mites, bed bugs and cockroaches.

Advice on the eradication of other pests, not defined as rodent pests under the Act, was given.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises 1963

This statute deals with the environmental welfare of employees in offices, shops, etc., (sanitary accommodation, water supply, heating, lighting, temperature and first aid) and action is now confined to following-up notices served, inspecting new premises and the routine inspection of existing registered premises.

The following table gives the statistical position at the end of 1969.

TABLE "A"

REGISTRATIONS AND
GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises (1)	No. of premises newly registered during the year (2)	Total No. of registered premises at end of year (3)	No. of registered premises receiving general inspection during the year. (4)
Offices	4	50	7
Retail Shops	13	133	51
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses.	0	2	0
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens.	1	17	4
Fuel storage depots	0	2	0
Total	18	204	62

TABLE "B"

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS
TO REGISTERED PREMISES

TABLE "C"

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND

Section of the Act	Facility or other Matter	Number found
6	Temperature	4
7	Ventilation	1
16	Floors, stairs and passages	1
24	First Aid	2
50	Abstract- Information for Employees.	2
	Total	<u>10</u>

REPORTED ACCIDENTS

No accidents were reported to the Department during the year.

It is the duty of the local authority to investigate any accidents reported in all premises registered under the Act and to take any necessary action by advice, warning letter or prosecution.

The County Council remain responsible through their Weights and Measures Department for the closing provisions of the Shops Acts.

DRAINAGE

A further four dwellinghouses, on cesspool drainage, were connected to the public sewers during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply

There is now only one producer of milk within the Urban District, and twenty-eight retailers of bottled milk - (twenty-four from shops only)

Twenty-seven inspections of dairies were made during the year and no statutory action was called for.

As the only producer/retailer of untreated (raw) milk gave up production during the year, no unprocessed milk is sold in the area, a highly satisfactory state of affairs.

(b) Sampling

A total of fifty-five samples were taken with the following results:-

Meat and Food Inspection

The butchers in the area, except in one case, obtain all their supplies of meat from wholesalers. One butcher purchases animals at a market and has them slaughtered at a licensed slaughter house in Farnborough. The meat is generally of a high standard and only relatively small amounts have to be condemned at the retail shops.

Slaughtering Facilities

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food having accepted the Council's report under Section 3 of the Slaughterhouse Act 1958, there is nothing further to add under this heading. There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the area, the two licensed before 1939 not having been re-opened.

The following articles of food were surrendered and condemned as being unfit for human food.

Meat (offal)	- 24 lbs.	Cooked meat and	
Meat (carcase)	- 16 lbs.	meat products	- 34lbs.
Fish	- 8½ stones	Other foods	- 361 lbs.
Tinned meats (various)	- 177 lbs.		
Tinned foods (various)	- 2480 lbs.		

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

In accordance with paragraph 8 (c) of Circular 1/66 the following information is given:-

Trade	No. of Premises	No. complying with Regn.16 (W.H.B. etc.)	No. to which Regn. 19 applies	No. complying with Regn.19 (Sinks & H.W.)
Butchers	12	12	12	12
Bakehouses & Confectioners	9	9	9	9
Cooked Meats	2	2	2	2
Fish (raw)	4	4	-	4
Fish(Fried)	3	3	3	3
Greengrocery	8	8	-	8
Grocers (including mixed shops)	29	29	29	29
Cafes	10	10	10	10
Factory and school canteens	8	8	8	8
Ice Cream premises	54	54	1	54

A total of 387 inspections of all types of food premises were made during the year, a considerable increase on the previous year.

No ice cream is manufactured in the district and there are 54 retail premises where only a pre-packed article is sold.

The general standard of hygiene in the food premises remains satisfactory and my comments in last year's report, about the necessity for the observance of cleanly habits by all food handlers both in the retail food shop and at home, still apply.

Food and Drugs Act 1955.

The following table gives details of complaints about the fitness of food and the action taken:

DETAILS OF FOOD COMPLAINED OF

ACTION TAKEN

Section 2

(1)	Foreign matter in Sausage	Warning letter to Manufacturers.
(2)	Mould in Cheese Spread	Manufacturers prosecuted and fined £15 and £5.5.0. costs.
(3)	Butter affected with mould	Retailers prosecuted - Fined £10 and £5.5.0. costs.
(4)	Baby Food (Spaghetti, Tomato and Beef) affected with mould.	No action - complaint not confirmed.
(5)	Wrapped bread affected with mould.	Warning letter to Manufacturers.
(6)	Fly embedded in wholemeal loaf.	No action.
(7)	Orange drink stated to be affected by "Soapy" taste.	Complaint not confirmed.
(8)	Sausage rolls affected with mould.	Warning letter to Retailer.
(9)	Foreign body in beef sausage meat.	No action.
(10)	Foreign matter in bread.	Complaint not confirmed.
(11)	Wrapped sliced bread affected with mould.	Warning letter to Manufacturers.
(12)	Ginger cake affected with mould.	Warning letter to Manufacturers.
(13)	Foreign body in fresh tomato.	No action - insufficient evidence.
(14)	Small Pork pies affected with mould.	No action - insufficient evidence.
(15)	Marmalade affected with mould.	Warning letter to Manufacturers.
(16)	Damson jam affected with mould.	Warning letter to Manufacturers.
(17)	Foreign matter in Raisin Bran.	Warning letter to Manufacturers.
(18)	Wrapped sliced bread affected with mould.	Retailer prosecuted - Fined £10 and £5 costs.
(19)	Cottage cheese affected with mould.	Retailer prosecuted - Fined £20 and costs.
(20)	Sausages affected with mould.	Retailer prosecuted - Fined £5 and £5 costs.

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(21)	Unsound sausages	None - complaint not confirmed.
(22)	Bacon joint unfit for human food.	Retailer prosecuted - Fined £15 and £5 costs.
(23)	Fish unfit for human consumption.	Retailer prosecuted - Fined £15 and £5.5.0. costs.
(24)	Garlic sausage unfit for human food.	Retailer prosecuted - Fined £10 and £5.5.0. costs.

Adulteration etc.

The County Council is the responsible Authority.

I am indebted to Mr. J.S. Preston, Chief Sampling Officer, for the following report:-

During the year ended 31st December, 1969, 390 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, within the area of Fleet Urban District Council.

Milk Samples

368 Samples of milk, including 79 of "Channel Islands", were obtained. Of these, 53 samples of ordinary milk and 20 of "Channel Islands" were unsatisfactory due to deficiencies in fat but, apart from one case which was related to added water, the samples were from larger consignments which on average were of the required fat content and consequently did not involve any offences.

Following informal checks of "Channel Islands" milk received at a dairy in the area, official samples were taken at the producer's farm from a consignment of 12 churns, six of which contained added water varying from 1% to 34%. Six of the samples, including four which showed added water, were also deficient of fat. The next day, further samples were taken, the total quantity then having fallen by 16 gallons. On this occasion, one sample was adulterated with water and six others were deficient of fat. Proceedings were instituted in respect of adulteration and these resulted in fines totalling £25 being imposed, together with an order for the payment of £10.5s. 0d. costs.

Three pint bottles of milk were analysed in relation to a consumer complaint. The milk contained foreign matter which was found to consist of vegetable tissue and, in view of the contamination, proceedings were taken against the dairy company. A fine of £20 was imposed, together with £9.14.6 costs. A short time afterwards, a similar type of complaint occurred in respect of a single milk bottle but the contamination was very slight and did not warrant legal action although the matter was taken up with the vendor responsible.

Miscellaneous Samples

Twenty-two samples of articles other than milk, including two of ice cream were taken and these were satisfactory except in the following two cases:-

- (1) A sample of minced beef contained over 1,000 parts per million of sulphur dioxide preservative. Certain meat products such as sausages and sausage meat are permitted to contain up to 450 parts per million of sulphur dioxide, subject to the requisite declaration, but the addition of this substance to fresh meat is prohibited. In the circumstances, proceedings were considered necessary and these resulted in a fine of £15 with an order for costs amounting to £9.14s. 6d.
- (2) A loaf of bread was submitted for analysis following a consumer complaint alleging the presence of foreign matter. This consisted of a button which had somehow become embedded in the loaf at the time of baking. Proceedings were taken, the bakery company being fined £5 and ordered to pay £9.14s. 0d. costs.

General

In addition to the samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, the usual attention was given to the labels and descriptions of food and drugs under the provision of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act. There were no serious complaints regarding these matters.

GENERAL SANITARY INSPECTION WORK

Details of the inspections carried out during the year are given in the following table:-

Premises Inspected	No. of Inspections.
Re: Water Supply	5
Drainage	192
Pet Shops	9
Accumulations of refuse	21
Noise nuisances	35
Swimming Pools	30
Caravan Sites	31
Animal Boarding Establishments	2
Factories	39
Game Dealers Licences	8
Keeping of Animals	8
Outworkers	3
Pest Infestation	17
Public Conveniences	14
Licensed Premises and Clubs	22
Rodent Control	39
Atmospheric Pollution (Clean Air)	34
Schools	10
Shops	40
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	90
Rivers pollution	10
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	99
Enquiries in cases of Infectious Diseases	47
Visits re disinfection	3
Miscellaneous Infectious disease visits	64

Meat and Foods Inspection:

Butchers	26
Dairies and Milk distributors	27
Fishmongers and Fish Fryers	17
Food Preparing Premises	1
Grocers	89
Greengrocers	14
Sweet Confectioners	4
Bakers and Confectioners	3
Cafes and Canteens	24
Street Vendors	1
Schools	5
Milk Sampling	62
Miscellaneous Food Visits	114

Dwelling-houses:

Under Public Health Acts	39
Re-inspections under Public Health Acts	62
Under Housing Acts	33
Re-inspections under Housing Acts	58
Overcrowding	1
Re-inspections re overcrowding	1
Re Improvement Grants	19
Re-inspections - works in progress	109
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	31
Local Land Charges Enquiries	2

The Rodent Operator also carries out the work of unstopping drains, on request, at a nominal charge to the occupier of 5/- per hour. This scheme is to the advantage of the occupier and is instrumental in the prevention of public health nuisances.

Complaints:

Rodent Infestation	...	...	...	...	...	...	331
Drainage (obstructed drains)	324
Pest infestations (general)	275
Public Health Nuisances (general)	22
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There was almost a fifty per cent increase in the number of complaints dealt with, mainly in connection with rodent and general pest infestations.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961 are now given as an Appendix to the Report.

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR

Form of Notice	Number served	Premises	Defects
Informal: Sanitary Defects	7	7	32
Statutory: Sanitary Defects	-	-	-

In conclusion, I must once again express to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee my appreciation of their support. I also express my thanks to the Clerk of the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, the Treasurer and finally to the then Medical Officer of Health, Dr. McNeil.

To the small staff in the Department a special tribute is due to their unfailing industry and loyalty in the execution of their many and varied duties.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

F.E. Smale.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

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in respect of the Year 1969 for the Urban District
of Fleet in the County of Hampshire.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
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PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

(1) Premises	(2) Number on Register	Number of		
		(3) Inspections	(4) Written Notices	(5) Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	67	39	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	-	-	-	-
Totals	70	39	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.I.)	1	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

Sections 133 and 134

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I.H.C. Morton.

Medical Officer of Health.

July 1970.

